

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q93827

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Appln. No.: 10/572,877

Group Art Unit: 1615

Confirmation No.: 3665

Examiner: David E. GALLIS

Filed: March 22, 2006

For: METHOD FOR COLLECTING OBJECT MATERIAL FROM SOLUTION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 21, 2007 to May 21, 2008.

The statutory fee of \$1050.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS payment screen. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

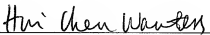
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